

## BASEBALL

GOOD WORK-OUTS  
BY BENNING NAGS

Course Rapidly Rounding  
Into Shape.

## HARD ON THE SOUTHERNERS

Fast Track at New Orleans Bad for  
Horses to Run on Sand in  
Washington.

Benning had its busiest day of the year yesterday. The strong winds of the night before dried out the track considerably, and when the warm sunshine beamed down upon it yesterday morning it was faster than it has been for over a week. This was evidenced by the good time in which many of the horses worked. Trainers got in their best and most useful work of the season.

The best work of the day was accomplished by Gwyn Tompkins, who sent Red Comer and Maiden one-half mile in 0:50 1-5. The Columbia Stable's three fast two-year-olds also worked in excellent time. Dr. Swartz—who is credited with possibly the best work-out of the meeting—three-eighths in 0:29 3-4—accompanied by Dulcisilla and Colonel Staples, finished a half, heads apart, in 0:50 1-2. W. P. Birch sent Castilian, whom many think will be either first or second choice for the Benning Handicap, to be run on the first day of the meeting, a half-mile in 0:52, and H. C. Shultz, who has been picking up purses at Hot Springs with persistent regularity, sent Shrine and Honolulu along four furlongs in 0:33 1-2. John E. Madden had out two good horses in Whorler, winner of the rich Brooklyn Derby last year, and City Bank. They stepped a half in 0:56. Jimmy McLaughlin's Tugai Bey, Gold Dome, and Dark Planet were sent a mile in 1:52, and Ascension covered six furlongs in 1:23 1-2.

## Ascension Causes Talk.

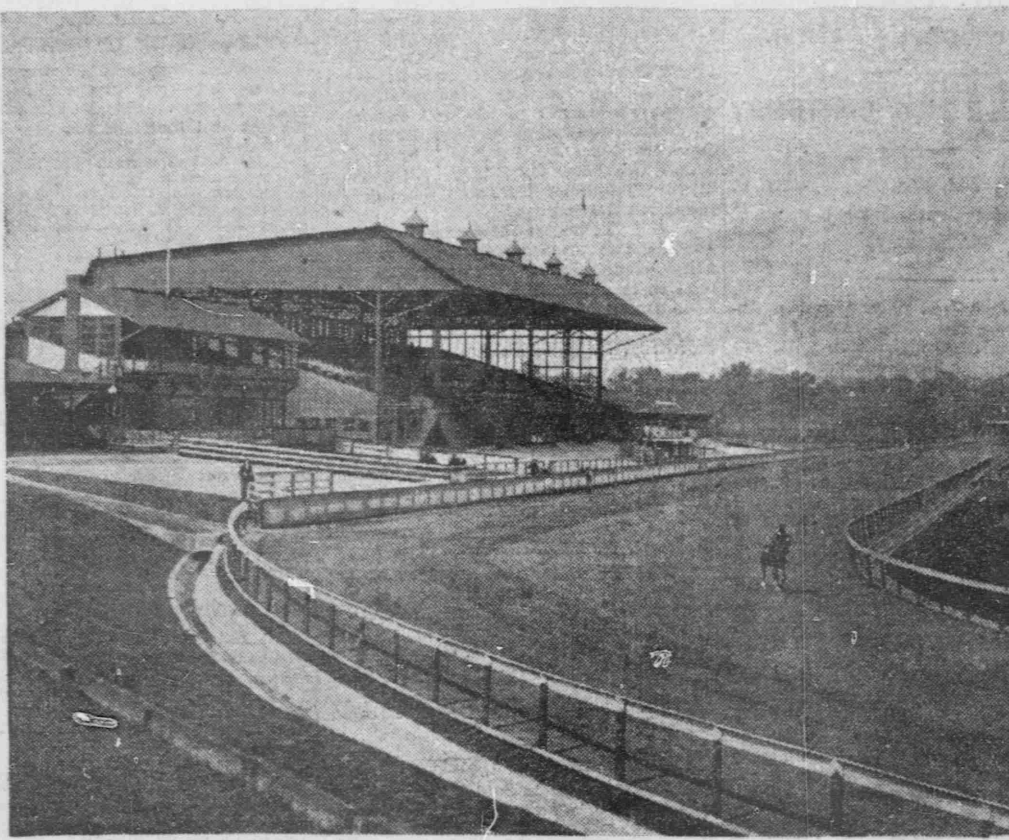
This trial of Ascension, the first New Orleans horse to work at Benning, has started a discussion among horsemen. Ascension has not long been off the car and no lightning work was expected of her, but her presence on the track alone raised the question of "which horses will win the larger percentage of races at Benning, those which have trained here, or those which have raced at New Orleans this winter?" There are many turfmen who think the New Orleans horses will show the better form, as they have been in active training all season, while the horses quartered at Benning and at the track around New York have not had sufficient work to fit them for a long campaign on account of the bad weather. This horses have worked here for several weeks at a time, while those around New York

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## RACING

## THE STRETCH AT BENNING



Track on which the thoroughbreds will begin the new racing season in the East. It is already in good condition for the meeting which opens on Thursday.

were kept in the barn. The going here, however, has been none too satisfactory, as more rain and snow have fallen this winter and spring than for any of the past five years. As one trainer expressed it, "there has been enough rain here this year to soak a duck to the skin."

## Northerners May Fare Well.

Those who think the Northern horses will fare better at the meeting are of the opinion that the horses from New Orleans will be unable to negotiate the going here. The New Orleans track is going here. The fastest, if not the fastest, in America, as is evidenced by the time of the horses this winter. The Crescent City track is practically as "hard as a board." This is shown by the fact that selling platers who could not win in the East last year have run six furlongs in 1:12, and a mile in 1:40. These horses will be able to negotiate the Columbia course, it is contended, until they strike the bend for home, where the old and the Columbian courses join. From the head of the stretch to the wire they will have to run through the sand, and it is thought that the sudden

change will tire them and cause them to "die away" when the final test comes.

## Steeplechases Out.

The steeplechase course was thrown open yesterday and several of the trainers spent a busy day in schooling their timber toppers. Nat Gallagher had out Red Hook, Billy Ray, and Provost. Gwyn Tompkins sent the Imp. Harrow, Flaccus, Gum Honey, Simon Kenton, Alomas, and Maiden out to take the jumps and they all fared well. They were ridden by Jimmy Mara, king of the cross country riders, and Heider. James D. Hall, of Virginia, worked Captain Hozi and Agio. B. Evans covered the full course on his brother Leo's good lepper. Red Hawk, Charles Harris had out Conover and Cheval D'Orr. Old Conover is one of the best looking horses at the track, and many predict a good season for him.

James Blute arrived yesterday afternoon, with Helene Bawn and Heir Apparent, and W. T. Anderson, the Baltimore horseman, got in with Fortunatus and several others. Should clear weather prevail today more horses will be out than at any day this spring. Sunday is also a busy day for the race followers and early in the morning the paddock will be swarming with people, watching the trials.

DAVE SULLIVAN LOSES  
TO CHARLEY NEARY

MILWAUKEE, March 20.—Charley Neary, of Milwaukee, got the decision over Dave Sullivan, of New York, in a six-round bout before the Badger Athletic Club. Both men were on their feet at the end of the bout, and it was the opinion of many of the spectators that the fight should have been declared a draw. There were no knockdowns.

ATLANTA SHUT OUT  
BY HIGHLANDERS

ATLANTA, Ga., March 19.—The Atlanta club of the Southern League was shut out this afternoon by the New York American Leaguers in a well-played six-inning game. The score by innings:

	R	H	E
New York	3	0	1
Atlanta	0	0	0

Batteries—Wolf, Powell, and McGuire; Hardy, Grubbs, and Beville.

BIG ROWING BOOM  
ON THE POTOMAC

Georgetown Out With Three  
Good Crews.

## CLUBS ARE GETTING BUSY

Only Two Men Missing From Famous  
College Eight of Last Year—Candidates Promising.

Rowing at Georgetown is now well under way. The Potomacs and Annapolans, the other boat clubs of Washington, have not yet begun work in earnest, but on Monday expect to put crews on the river.

The Blue and Gray boys have been boated twice this spring, and there are now three big eights and a freshman crew on the water. The three "varsity" crews will row in competition, and the best sixteen of the twenty-four men will be selected for the first and second eights, which will represent Georgetown on May 21, when the local collegians will row against the navy crew at Annapolis.

## Candidates Divided.

The candidates have been divided into crews, as follows: Crew 1—Brenner, stroke; Hayden, 7; Ham, 6; Parrott, 5; Wade, 4; Shanley, 3; Kennedy, 2; Cramer, 1; Fairfax, coxswain. Crew 2—Linahan, stroke; Mudd, 7; W. Vlyman, 6; Shepard, 5; Stuart, 4; Fay, 3; Canario, 2; Ridgeway, 1; Doyle, coxswain. Crew 3—Graham, stroke; Atkinson, 7; Seitz, 6; Kirby, 5; H. Vlyman, 4; Gelpi, 3; Gannon, 2; Keenan, 1; Jeffs, coxswain.

Of these men, Graham, Atkinson, Brenner, Hayden, and Shepard were on last year's crew. The crew this year will be a light one, but Coach Dempsey thinks he can develop a good one, which will compare creditably with that of last year, which finished second to Cornell, and ahead of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Syracuse, at the Poughkeepsie regatta. Only two members of that famous eight are missing this year, so it is seen there is plenty of good material left upon which to build. If all of last year's men make good this year, nineteen candidates will be left, from which number two ought to be found to succeed Captain Murray Russell, who was graduated, and Teevan, who is attending Harvard this season. The latter is already a prominent candidate for the Crimson varsity.

## Ten Eager Preps.

Ten men have reported to try for a place on the Preparatory School crew. They are Lusk, Linsley, McCahill, Gaines, Douglas, Griffith, Jeffs, Ralph, Cogan, and Newton. The Preps were out on the water yesterday afternoon, and the youngsters look in good condition as a result of their indoor work on the machines. The Potomacs expect to take to the

CHEVY CHASE GOLF  
TOURNAMENT MAY 5, 6, 7

Club, Consolation, and Handicap Cups for Spring Event.  
Atlantic City Tournament March 24, 25, and 26.

Golf will officially begin at the Chevy Chase Club with the annual spring tournament, which will be held on May 5, 6, and 7.

The tournament will be open to members of clubs of the United States Golf Association and such other players as may be invited. Entries will close the evening before each event, and should be sent to George Howard, the secretary.

Play may begin any hour after 10 a. m., but must be finished by 6 p. m. Handicap competitors must give way to those playing in semi-finals and finals for the club and consolation cups.

United States Golf Association rules and established local rules will govern all events.

The Program.  
The program is as follows:  
May 5—10 a. m., qualification round, stroke competition; thirty-six holes.  
May 6—10 a. m., club cup; first round, eighteen holes; 10:30 a. m., consolation cup; first round, eighteen holes; 2:30 p. m., second round, both cups, eighteen holes.

May 7—10 a. m., semi-finals, both cups, eighteen holes; 2:30 p. m., finals, both cups, eighteen holes.

The following cups are offered:  
Club cup—Match play; eighteen holes; second prize; qualification round, stroke competition, thirty-six holes; prize for lowest score in qualification event.

Consolation cup—Match play; eighteen holes; second prize.  
Handicap cup—Stroke competition; eighteen holes; second prize; prize for lowest gross score; entries to be accompanied by home secretary's statement of handicap.

Golfers will have an early chance in the annual spring tournament of the Country Club of Atlantic City, which will be held March 24, 25, and 26. The 1904 governor's cup will be awarded to the winner absolutely. The president's cup will go to the winner of the second sixteen for one year, but becomes the absolute property of the man winning it three times.

Atlantic City Winners.  
It has been won as follows:  
November, 1902, C. B. Pownes, Jr., Highland Golf Club, Pittsburg.  
April, 1903, R. D. Lapham, Apawamis Golf Club.  
November, 1903, W. E. Shackelford, Country Club of Atlantic City.

November, 1903, C. B. Pownes, Jr., Highland Golf Club, Pittsburg.  
The winner of the second sixteen, however, will be awarded a special prize cup to be his absolute property, as will likewise be awarded to the winner of each additional sixteen. The player making the best qualification score thirty-six holes, medal play, on Thursday will receive the qualification prize. Prizes are offered for the winner of the handicap, and for the player making the best gross score in the handicap.

A special prize will be offered for the winner of the consolation event.

boats on Monday. For the past month they have been hard at work on the machines, and when they get down to real work should present an excellent appearance, as a number of big men have reported. Several of the boys have bought new boats, and the interest shown individually speaks well for the prospects of the club.

Murray A. Russell, who captained the Georgetown crew last year, was a visitor at the university boathouse yesterday afternoon. He saw all the crews on the river and was very favorably impressed with the work of the men. Besides rowing four years on the crew Russell played three years at tackle on the varsity football team.

The daily races between the three crews will begin tomorrow and will continue until Coach Dempsey decides upon the candidates he wants for the first and second eights.

BIRMINGHAM EASY  
FOR NEW YORKERS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 12.—A crowd which taxed the capacity of the local ball grounds saw the Birmingham team defeated by the New York National League aggregation this afternoon. The score by innings:

New York.....1 0 2 0 2 2 5—12 9 2  
Birmingham...3 0 0 0 4 0 6—7 6 7  
Batteries—Ames and Warner; Blackburn and Wheeler. Umpire—Wood.

ENGLISH FIGHTER  
AFTER JOE GANS

A pugilist from over the sea, with the championship belt in his bonnet has arrived in this country. He is Jack Meekins of England, and he has come to America for the purpose of meeting Joe Gans for the lightweight title. Meekins is well recommended. He has proof to show that he won championship honors in a 135-pound competition at the National Sporting Club, London, recently. For this he received a large silver cup. Meekins has also a long record, most of his bouts being of a short order, with him the victor.

Meekins is compactly built and is a likely looking customer. His body is very much tattooed. On his breast there is a reproduction of Corbett and Fitzsimmons as they appeared in the ring at Carson City, Nev., in 1897. On his back there is tattooed the coat-of-arms of England.

Meekins tips the beam at 125 pounds. He says that his visit to America is for the purpose of meeting Gans, of whom he has heard so much. Meekins adds that he has enough backing to make a fight interesting if one is arranged.

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